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The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the CHS: 17 people present including the following Board members: Kenneth H. Colville, Jr., Rosemary Heth, Joseph J. Pascoe, Robert F. Vandenberg and William R. Wallis. I welcomed the Board to 301 and to the meeting; handed out a list of the members of the CHS and membership forms to the Board. We discussed the dues structure. Ken Colville suggested that "life membership" would be granted after someone renewed their membership for six years. For an individual it would be 6 times \$25 or \$150 for life membership and for a corporation it would be 6 times \$100 or \$600. We discussed the "Carbondale Brochure" which I and Sister Cepahs Ryan and interested in bringing into existence, also Scombordi. I suggested that the CHS and the Chamber of Commerce and St. Joseph's and Scombordi produce this promotional piece on Carbondale. An extraordinarily terse and not-up-to-date "brochure" (probably one badly-typed page) exists that was produced by the Chamber of Commerce sometime in the past. I explained the objectives of the CHS to the Board members and reviewed some of our past accomplishments and plans for the future. Neither the Shiflers nor Walter O'Hara were able to attend the meeting. The Shiflers because Rev. Bartholomay's mother died on the afternoon of the meeting. Kay Shifler telephoned HLRP to relay the message about the death of Mrs. Bartholomay.

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Make it tonight
Rev Bartholomay
Passed away
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David Baum was at the meeting. I was delighted. The CHS agreed to have another town meeting on April 7 at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Hall at the BBC. Rev. Pullis, who was present, said that that would be OK. All candidates for the office of mayor and city council who have filed will be invited to attend this April 7th Town Meeting and state their views on a specific set of issues that are regarded by the Society as crucial to the future of the city of Carbondale. We discussed the "beautification of Memorial Park and the area around the Carbondale Historical Marker next to City Hall. It was suggested that the Pioneer Days Committee is interested in working with the CHS in beautifying these parks and I will write to Joseph Bianco (1983 President of the Pioneer Days Committee) and ask if they would like to make it a joint venture. That way, if they help to beautify the park they will be less anxious to destroy it during the Pioneer Days celebrations in August 1983. They will, in effect, become guardians of the park, which is good. I will make Kay Shifler the head of the "Park Committee" of the CHS. We spoke

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of the restoration of CCH. I stated our financial position and said that we needed about \$5,000 more before we could have the roof repaired. I outlined the activities that are scheduled for February 17th at Saint Joseph's and on the 20th in Room 301 (the Grand Reopening). The meeting gave me a very good feeling. It was very nice to see seventeen people seated in 301. Mary McMahon mentioned to Susan Stephens (or to someone who mentioned it to Susan Stephens) that her name had not appeared in the paper for having become a member. I was sure that it had and handed a copy of the clipping with her name in it to Sue Stephens and told her to get it to Mary McMahon. I am very careful about listing all new members and so I was sure that McMahon's name was listed. McMahon missed the notice in the public press and so she blamed us for overlooking her. Not so. At one point in the recent past, Nan Daniels asked if I still had any calendars left. She needed two. At the meeting on 02-03-1983 I gave Nan Daniels two copies of CARBONDALE CALENDAR 1983, with my compliments. Howard Yepson gave me a CHS check to reimburse me for \$34.95 worth of expenses that I had incurred on behalf of 301. I showed my colleagues the clipping about the Wayne County Historical Society's "Week of History" and suggested that they were emulating us with our PD week programs. We discussed the invitations, refreshments and arrangements for the opening on 02-20-1983. Tomaine will have some invitations printed by the Metro and I will do one for the CHS. Sue Stephens "cornered" Tomaine and ask: "Are they ready or not? When can I have 150 copies." I loved her assertiveness. Tomaine hated it and recoiled and got somewhat nasty to her. She hates him, I'm sure. After the meeting was over, David Baum and I chatted. I wish David were more actively involved with the Society. He is very good for the organization. He offered suggestions on how to approach the Pioneer Days Committee. David is a member of the Board of that organization and is also a member of the CHS. It is very good to have him on both organization's Boards. He explains the one organization to the other. Nan Daniels' telephone number is 282-3430. David suggested that Kevin O'Hara of the Tribune might be interested in doing a story on the opening of 301. Kevin O'Hara's number is: 344-7221. I don't recall, at the moment, what I did immediately after the meeting, but it seems very likely that JVB and Tomaine and I went to Mister Donut for refreshments. On Friday morning I got up and went to the Post Office and checked the box and then went to the NEWS and Phil and Rosemary were very friendly and Phil asked if I had a moment; he wanted to talk with me. We went into his "inner sanctum" and, to be perfectly to the point, Phil offered me a job on the NEWS. He will dismiss Barbara Wroblewski and I will fill the role that Barbara presently fills. I was overwhelmed and said that the offer was very attractive. If I take the job it will mean that I will take a salary cut of about \$1900 per month. Phil wants me to work five half-days per week and will pay \$125 for my services. I will certainly accept the offer. Look at it this way. Has anything I have ever done made a great deal of financial sense. I resigned from my very nice job with the State University of New York to come to New York and live. I shall never regret that decision and I'm sure that I will never regret the fact that I will resign my very nice job with Salomon Brothers to work on the NEWS. I was very excited by Phil's offer.